

Commodity Shelf Newsletter

June 2009

Donated Food Program Meeting

Are you planning to attend the Missouri School Nutrition Association (MSNA) Annual Conference in Columbia July 27-29, 2009? DESE – SFS has just received notification that a time has been made available on Monday, July 27 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. for a Donated Food Program meeting for anyone interested in attending. The meeting will not conflict with other events scheduled for the MSNA Annual Conference.



Matthew Essner will be presenting a short update on the Donated Food Program available to schools in Missouri to start the meeting. After the short presentation the floor will be opened for discussion about concerns you might have, practices you currently are happy with, and a chance for you to give input on where you would like to see the Donated Food Program in the future. Please plan to attend so your voice can be heard by the DESE – SFS staff. Our goal is to provide schools with the tools and products they need to produce nutritional and economical meals for the students of Missouri and we need your input. This will be a great opportunity to network with other school nutrition personnel from across Missouri and gain new ideas on ways to utilize USDA Donated Foods in your school lunch program.

Information about the MSNA Annual Conference can be found at www.mosna.org. If you have questions about the conference call 888-276-4307 or E-Mail geib@msbanet.org.

We hope to see you on July 27th. Additional meetings have not been set-up at this time, but are in the works for next fall. If you have suggestions on locations or times, please contact Matthew Essner at matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov or 573-522-1974

Value of Commodities for SY 08-09

DESE – SFS is in the process of compiling each LEAs total value of commodities received during School Year (SY) 08-09 and hopes to have the information available by early July. The process involves calculating the total number of cases an LEA received of each commodity (Open Order, Prorated, and Processed), and then assigning the average value of the DF in each case to determine the total value of all the DFs received by each LEA. The estimated values which are located on the Open Order, Prorated list and Processed Order Forms are the costs DESE – SFS *anticipates* paying for each commodity, but is not the actual cost. Because USDA procures and purchases commodities throughout the entire SY, the price fluctuates based on the markets; therefore, it is not until all purchases have been made for a SY that DESE – SFS can determine the average value for each commodity. Open Order and Prorated items are calculated as the DF value per case, and Processed items are calculated as the average value per pound (lb) multiplied by the number of DF pounds (lbs) in each case.

Rebates received from manufacturers in the Rebate Program and Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Program values are also included in the letter. These values are not available until after the end of SY 08-09, which is June 30, and therefore the individual letters cannot be completed until these values are determined. LEAs will have access to their individual Value of Commodities on the [DESE – SFS Commodities](#) Web Site when all of the information has been finalized.

A document containing the unit value of each commodity available from DESE – SFS during SY 08-09 is currently available on the [DESE – SFS Commodities](#) Web Site under the heading [2008-2009 Unit Value of Donated Foods](#).



Open Order Form/Processed Order Forms

Monthly Processed Order Forms are now available on the [DESE – SFS Commodities](#) Web Site for SY 2009-2010. Monthly processed items require a two month turn around for orders to be filled and delivered. The first delivery of commodities begins in August; therefore the order forms for Monthly Processed items are due to DESE – SFS by June 15, 2009.

The Monthly Processed Order Forms now have the **OPTION** to attach a digital signature to the document. The digital signature is **NOT REQUIRED**, but was added after requests from LEAs. DESE – SFS's policy has, and remains, that the person E-Mailing an order is as good as a signature verifying the LEA approves the attached orders to the E-Mail. If you do not currently have a digital signature, please do not feel like you have to create one for the Monthly Order Forms and you can leave the digital signature field blank. If you already have a digital signature, you now have the **OPTION** to attach the digital signature to your Monthly Processed Order Forms.

The first Open Order will be available early in July with a due date of July 15, 2009 for August delivery. The Open Order does not become available until the early part of each month to allow the DESE – SFS office to verify that the items we *EXPECT* to be delivered to the state warehouse *ACTUALLY* make it to the warehouse.

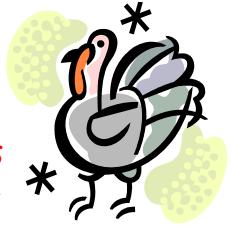
If you are having any trouble submitting or filling out any of the Monthly Order Forms, please contact the DESE – SFS office at 573-751-2646 and someone will be happy to assist you.

PLEASE NOTE – The Monthly Order Forms have been created with the capability to export information from your order form to a DESE – SFS database. For this reason, please **DO NOT SCAN order forms and attach them to an E-Mail. We will accept them because they are E-Mailed as required, but the DESE – SFS staff then has to manually enter your order, which leaves room for human error.



Product Updates (Bonus..Bonus..Bonus!)

USDA has purchased record amounts of **BONUS** items for SY 09-10. Please reference the [May Commodity Shelf Newsletter](#) for a large list of **BONUS** items. Recent **BONUS** items available since the May Commodity Shelf Newsletter are Turkey products.



DESE – SFS has requested the maximum of 6 trucks of [A537 Turkey Roasts](#) to be available on the September Open Order for October delivery. The Turkey Roasts are frozen, ready to cook, boneless roasts ranging from 8 – 12 lbs per roast. There are 4 Turkey Roasts per case. (Quantities and dates subject to change.)

Additional **BONUS** skinless, boneless, turkey breast meat (A764) was purchased by USDA for further processing. USDA has established a national inventory of the **BONUS** Turkey product at three processors, J.T.M. Foods, House of Raeford, and Culinary Standards to be utilized on a first come first serve basis. J.T.M. is working with DESE – SFS to offer **BONUS** Turkey Products to Missouri LEAs. Order Forms were faxed out on June 4 to LEAs and the information can also be found on the [DESE – SFS Commodities](#) Web Site under [Bonus Turkey Information](#). Orders are to be faxed to John Pickert at 816-525-2209 by July 15, 2009.

LEAs can order as much processed **BONUS** Turkey items as they would like to receive during SY 09-10, but must remember that the LEA is still responsible for paying the processing fees for each case and also that the **BONUS** processed Turkey is in **addition** to any Turkey ordered through the Processing Packet, which was turned in to DESE – SFS in early February.

IMPORTANT

Prorated Items

Each month the Prorated Items are listed on the last page of the Commodity Shelf Newsletter. Check the list each month to see if any adjustments have been made to delivery periods or allocation amounts. **All changes will be highlighted in yellow the month the change occurs.** Also this year the commodity fact sheets are hyperlinked to the Commodity Code for each item.

DoD Fresh Program Update

The Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Program for SY 08-09 is winding down. Participating LEAs have until June 30, 2009 to fully spend any entitlement still remaining in their FFAVORS Web account. All accounts will be shut down on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon.

The DoD Fresh Program is going through some changes for the SY 09-10. Participating LEAs with an ADP of less than (<) 1,000 will be receiving E-Mails sometime in July to verify that they want to continue to participate in the DoD Fresh Program. Entitlement amounts will be determined and sent to LEAs after the list of participating LEAs is finalized. Participating LEAs with an ADP greater than (>) 1,000 had to determine the amount of entitlement to be used for the DoD Program as part of the Processing Packet which was due to DESE – SFS in early February.

Any questions concerning the DoD Fresh Program should be directed to Matthew Essner.

DESE – SFS Office Update

ME: DESE – SFS was recently reviewed by USDA during what is known as a Management Evaluation (ME), similar to the Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) reviews conducted by our office. Members of the Mountain Plains Regional Office in Denver were in our office from June 1-5 conducting the on-site review. The exit meeting with the USDA staff did not reveal any major findings or recommendations. DESE – SFS will receive a formal follow-up letter in the near future.

FFVP: The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) applications were due to DESE – SFS on May 8, 2009. 161 applications were received from 64 LEAs. Review of the applications was conducted immediately; however, there were some issues that needed to be resolved with some applications before the participating elementary schools could be determined. The final list of FFVP participants should be complete within the next couple of weeks and schools will be notified to know if they were accepted or denied into the FFVP for SY 09-10.

ARRA Equipment Grants: The application for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Equipment Grants was finally released to Missouri LEAs on May 15, 2009 and was due back to DESE – SFS by June 5, 2009. Our office has been inundated with applications and we are still in the process of logging all of the applications that were received. Once all of the applications are logged, the evaluation will begin. The approval process will begin with DESE – SFS staff evaluating the applications, determining recipients (and amounts) of the ARRA Equipment Grants, and then receiving approval from DESE officials and the Governor's office. A list of recipients of the ARRA Equipment Grants will be available on the [DESE – SFS Web Site](#) as soon as all approvals are received.

Quote for the Month

"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to *creating something that gives you purpose and meaning*"



Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

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Monthly Orders should be submitted to:
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Prorated Commodities for School Year 2009-2010

(The below list are the Prorated Commodities DESE, SFS anticipates receiving. *All quantities, delivery periods, and values are subject to change.*)

Prorated Commodities are USDA Donated Foods (DF), which are purchased by DESE – SFS and then equally distributed to all LEAs participating in the DF program based on their Average Daily Participation (ADP) in the National School Lunch Program. These commodities are intended to be used in the approved Child Nutrition Programs sponsored by USDA. LEAs may REFUSE any Prorated Commodity item they wish by having the **Authorized Representative contact DESE – SFS in writing at least six (6) weeks prior to the beginning Estimated Delivery Period.** Refusals can be sent via E-Mail to webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov, by Fax to 573-526-3897 or by letter to PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480.

Commodity Code	Description	Case per ADP*	Case Size	Estimated Delivery Period	Estimated per Case VALUE**
Fruits and Vegetables					
A174	Potatoes, Wedges, IQF	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Aug 1, 09 – Sep 15, 09	\$ 16.41
A417	Strawberries, FRZN, Diced, 4.5 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.5 oz cups	Aug 1, 09 – Sep 15, 09	\$ 34.56
A130	Corn, FRZN, Whole Kernel	44	30 lb case	Sep 15, 09 – Oct 31, 09	\$ 17.31
A416	Peaches, FRZN, Diced, 4.4 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.4 oz cups	Sep 15, 09 – Oct 31, 09	\$ 30.26
A433	Pears, CND, Sliced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Oct 15, 09 – Nov 30, 09	\$ 25.03
A243	Spaghetti Sauce, CND, Meatless	62	6 – # 10 cans	Oct 15, 09 – Nov 30, 09	\$ 14.34
A346	Apple Slices, FRZN, Unsweetened	37	30 lb case	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 11.75
A091 ***	Beans, Vegetarian, CND,	68	6 – # 10 cans	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 15.16
A431	Pears, CND, Halves	64	6 – # 10 cans	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 27.94
A204	Potatoes, Rounds, FRZN	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Dec 1, 09 – Jan 15, 10	\$ 13.11
A061 ***	Beans, Green, CND	64	6 – # 10 cans	Dec 15, 09 – Jan 31, 10	\$ 19.42
A350	Applesauce, CND, Unsweetened	64	6 – # 10 cans	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 20.53
A942	Beans, Pinto, DRY, Whole	46	25 lb bag	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 9.82
A409	Peaches, CND, Clingstone, Diced	64	6 – # 10 cans	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 30.46
A434	Pears, CND, Diced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 1, 10 – Mar 15, 10	\$ 27.19
A085 ***	Beans, Refried, CND	68	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 22.21
A210	Potatoes, FRZN, Oven Fry, Crinkle	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 15.21
A299	Orange Juice, FRZN, 4 oz IND cartons	38	70 – 4 fl oz cartons	Mar 1, 10 – Apr 15, 10	\$ 7.50
Meat/Meat Alternates					
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	Aug 1, 09 – Sep 15, 09	\$ 46.20
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Sept 15, 09 – Oct 31, 09	\$ 29.71
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	84 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Oct 1, 09 – Nov 15, 09	\$ 56.17
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	42 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 56.17
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Jan 15, 10 – Feb 28, 10	\$ 29.71
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	Feb 1, 10 – Mar 15, 10	\$ 46.20
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	MAKE UP****	4 – 10 lb packages	Mar 15, 10 – Apr 30, 10	\$ 56.17

* Case per ADP means each LEA will receive approximately one (1) case of product for that number of Average Daily Participants. Each LEA will receive **AT LEAST** one (1) case of the product. This figure is only an ESTIMATE!

- Example: If LEA Jane Doe's ADP = 100 and A299 = 38 Case/ADP, then they could estimate to receive 2 cases of A299.
(100 ÷ 38 = 2.63. Round down for estimates).

** Estimated per Case VALUE is the value figured for each case based on the estimated cost per requested truck [determined by the USDA's Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS)] divided by the number of cases on each truck.

- Example: A truck of A608 is estimated by ECOS to cost \$56,166 and contain 1,000 cases; therefore the Estimated VALUE is $\$56,166 \div 1,000 = \56.17 .

*** These commodity BEANS can be credited for a Vegetable *or* a Meat/Meat Alternate in Food Based Menu Planning, but cannot be credited for BOTH on the same menu.

**** Beef and Chicken Case/ADP's are determined by the response each LEA chose on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010. If your LEA chose to process any percent of either commodity, then you must adjust the Case/ADP accordingly. If your LEA chose to process 100% of the commodity, then ZERO (0) cases will be prorated to your LEA.

- Example: If you chose to process 50% of your Chicken and your ADP is 100, then you would determine your quantity of A515 cases and multiply by 0.50 to estimate that you will receive 2 cases of A515.
(100 ÷ 20 = 5 cases), (5 cases x 0.50 = 2.5 cases) Round down for estimates.

***** MAKE UP deliveries are for LEA's who chose to defer their pounds of PORK on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010 and receive GROUND BEEF instead.

IQF = Individually Quick Frozen

FRZN = Frozen

IND = Individual

CND = Canned